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In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 sheets);
 - b. Fourth Supplemental Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets);
 - c. 25 Cited References; and
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2. With respect to fees:

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed.

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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application, under 37 CFR 1.97(c). A check for one hundred eighty dollars (\$180) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our deposit account number 13-2490 for any over- or under-payment of fees. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is indented as to the relative importance of any portion of the

references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

Applicants would like to bring the following related applications to the Examiner's attention:

United States Patents

1. Dawson, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,192,679, issued March 9, 1993.
2. Dawson, U.S. Patent No., 5,401,656, issued March 28, 1995.
3. Dawson, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,413,931, issued May 9, 1995.
4. Dawson, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,789,176, issued August 4, 1998.
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6. Dumler, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,928,879, issued July 27, 1999.
7. Dumler, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,955,359, issued September 21, 1999.
8. Mabilat, et al. U.S. Patent No., 5,976,791, issued November 2, 1999.
9. Coughlin, et al., U.S. Patent No., 5,976,860, issued November 2, 1999.
10. Dawson, U.S. Patent No., 5,989,848, issued, November 23, 1999.
11. Walker, et al., U.S. Patent No., 6,015,691, issued January 18, 2000.
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17. Reed, et al. U.S. Patent No., 6,306,402, issued October 23, 2001.
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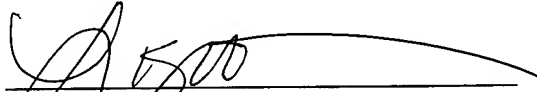
Published Application

20. Reed, et al. U.S. Patent Application No.20020064535, published May 30, 2002.
21. Reed, et al. U.S. Patent Application No.20020068343, published June 6, 2002.
22. Reed, et al. U.S. Patent Application No.20020086984, published July 4, 2002.
23. Walker, et al. U.S. Patent Application No.20020115840, published August 22, 2002.
24. Barbet, et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 20020132789, published September 19, 2002.
25. Walker, et al. U.S. Patent Application No.20020064531, published May 30, 2002.

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